The treaty of

Thassociation made by the Prince of Condee, together wyth the Princes, Knyghtes of thorder, Lordes, Capitaines, Gentlemen, & others of al estates which be entred, or hereafter shall entre into the said Association, for to mainteine the honour of god, the quiet of the Realme of Fraunce, and the state and lybertie of the Kyng vnder the gouernance of the Quene his Mother who is authorized therunto and establyshed by the Estates.

ANNO. 1562.

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The association made by the Prynce of Condee.

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We hereunder writ-
tē, hauing nothing
in more estimation
next to the honor of
God, then the ser-
uice of the kynge and preserua-
tion of hys croune, nowe in hys
tender yeares, vnder the gouer-
naunce of the Queene his mo-
ther, therein established & au-
thorised by the estates. Seinge
the boldenes, rashnes and am-
bition of some of our sayd lords
subiectes, cōtemning his youth,
to haue ben so greate, that they
haue ben so presumptuous, not
onely to assemble them selfes, &

too entre into armes agaynste the edicts, and wyth the same, too putte too deathe a great number of his poore subiectes, neither sparing age nor sick, without any other cause at all, but for that they were assembled to serue God, according to the liberty graũted by the edictes, but also not beinge able too be brideled by any lawe of God or manne, with the sayde force, haue gotten the possession of the persones of the Kynge & the Queene, and of the Duke of Orleans. And forasmuche as we can not vpon such and so rashe an enterprise, conceyue ought elles, but an assisted determinacion vnder presence of the Kynges authorite: who is in custody and captyue,

too

to subuerte together with relis
gion, the moste parte of the no
bilite and of the thyrd estate, &
generally all those which make
profession, and be of the kynges
moste faythful and obediēt sub
iects, whiche shoulde be a verye
meanes to abandon the croune
of Fraunce to the spoile.

We for these causes desiring,
according to our power, too re
store hys maiestie & his croune
too surety, and the Queene too
her authoritie, and also too pre
serue the poore faithfull people
of this realme, in that libertye
of conscience, which it hath pleas
sed the kynge to graunte them
by hys edictes, made by thad
uise of the princes of the bloud,
of the lordes of the kynges cou
sayll, and moste notable men

assembled out of all the courtes of parlaments of this Realme, and by the determination of the moste parte of the states, which ought to remayne infringed, during the minoritie of our sayde soueraigne: We haue ben like good and faythefull subiectes, forced and constrayned to entre into armes, whiche is the mean that God hath put in our hand, against suche violence, tyranny, and oppression.

And hereupon, after inuocation of the name of God, as me well aduised and counseled, by commune and depe aduisemēt, we haue of one commune accord and frank and willing consent, promised & swore, in the name of the liuinge God, a felowship from hencefoorth of a holy com-

pany

panye one towardes another, touchynge tharticles folowing: whiche we ſweare and promis before God and his Aungels, to kepe and obſerue infallibiye, and from pointe too pointe, as folowethy, throughe the grace and mercy of God our hole and ouely hope.

Fyrſte we proteſt that weedo not cary with vs in this holy alliaunce, any particular paſſiō of mynde, nor regard of our perſones, goods or eſtimations, but that we haue nothinge before oure eyes, but the honor of God, the delineraunce of the kynges & Queenes maieſties of iuſtice, thobſeruation of the edicts and ordinaunces by theym made, and laſtely the dew punifhmēt and reformation of the neglec-

tors of the same, and for these causes and none others, as we sweare and promise euery man for hym self, to employ oure bodyes, goods, and al that we may make, euen to the very last drop of oure bloud.

And thys present felowship and alliance shall continue in full force vnbroken, vntyll the kynge bee of full age, that is to saye, vntyl that hys maiestie being of age, shall haue taken vppon hym selfe, the gouernaunce of his realme, and then wholy to submit our selfes too the perfecte obedience and submission of hys owne will and pleasure.

At which tyme we trust to giue vnto him so good reckenyng of the said felowshyp (as we wil al-

so do,

so do, as many & as often times as it shall please the Queene, she beinge at lybertie) as men shall knowe, that it is not a league or a monopoly, turninge of thinges to our owne commodities that we mainteyne, but a faythfull and dewe obedience for thimportant seruyce and preseruation of their maiesties.

Secondely, too thende that all menne maye vnderstande, that thys presente felowshippes made with suche intent as is rehearsed and in all pureness of conscience, & feare of the name of God, whome we take for the head and defendor of the same: We do meane and sweare that we wyll not suffre in our companyes, anye thynge too bee doone, whiche maye derogate

the commaundementes of God, or the kinge, as Idolatries, superstitions, and blasphemies, hoordomes, violences, enforcementes, spoylinges, breakynges of Images, rãsakings of Churches, by pryuate authoritie, and generallye all other lyke things forbydden, by God or by the kynges last Edict, set foorth in Januarye. Of whyche faultes, contrarye wyse wee wyll endeuoure oure selues to see punishmente and iustyce executed.

And because we are guyded vnder thobedience of the woorde of God, we purpose in our assemblees to haue good and faithfull ministers of the gloryе of oure God, whiche shal teache vs hys wil, too whome wee will geue such audience as apperteineth.

Thyrdely

Thyrdely we doe name for the chiefe and conductor of the hoole cõpany my lord the prince of Condee, a prince of the bloud, and therfore a Counsaylor born and one of the protectors of the croune of Fraunce, whome wee sweare and promise to attende vppon, and to rendre towards hym, all dewe obedience, touching that which shal concerne the effect of thys present assembly. Submittinge our selfes (in case of rebellion or negligence) too suche hys correction and chastisemente, as hee shall order. And the case happeninge that the sayde lorde the prince, thorroughe wantte of healthe or otherwise cannot supply the sayd charge, then he whome he shal name, shalbe wholy obeyed and

and folowed as hym selfe:
And the sayd Lorde the Prynce declaring the zeale whiche he beareth to the glorye of god, & to the kynges seruice, hath accepted ỹ charge as before, with promise to al the company that thrughe the helpe of God, he will with all diligence & readines do the true office of a head and conductor, according to the tenour of all the condicions of the sayde felowshyp.

Fourthly we haue comprehended and ioyned vntoo vs in thys present treaty, of all suche as be of the kinges coũsayll, exceptinge thole whiche be in armes against their duty, to kepe vnder and restraine the kynge and Quene of their will & pleasur, which force, if they will not

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lay doune and retire them selfs, and yelde accõpt of their doinge in all subiection and obedience, when it shall please the Queene to call them by iust occasion, we hold them giltye of treason, & dysquietoures of the common tranquilitie of thys realme.

And to proceade to the intent & accomplishmente of this hole felowship, which we protest not to be done, but for maintenaũce of the honor of God, the state & libertie of the kyng, vnder the gouernement of the Quene hys mother: Eche of vs to his particular, from the lowest to the hyghest do sweare and promise before God and his Aungelles, to be in a readines with all that whiche shalbe in oure power: as with money, armure, horses

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for seruice, and all other thyngs necessarye therewith, and too present our selfes assone as we shalbe first commaũded by the sayd lorde the prince, or any other, beinge ordeyned by hym, furnished and prepared to followe hym where as he shall cõmaund vs, & faithfully to serue him, for the purposes aforesaid, and observe our dutye, in body and goods, soo farre forthe as oure lyfe will stretche. And if it happẽ ẏ in any plate or quarter of this Realme, we shall understande that any man cõprehended in this present felowship receiue any oultrage or violẽce by the persons aforesaid or others contrary to the Kynges edict in Januarye laste paste, wee doe wholly sweare & promise spedely

dely to ſuccoure theym, and too endeuour oure ſelfe to the ende that the layde wronge may be ſo repaired, as if the dommage and hurte were perticular too euery one of vs: and thys too be done in ſuche ſort as we ſhalbe commaunded by the layde lorde the Prince, or any other deputed thereunto by hym.

Furthermore, if hereafter it happen (which God forbid) that any of vs, forgettinge hys duty and othe, ſhoulde haue anye intelligence with thennemyes, or ſhoulde by any maner or meanes committe any thinge diſhoneſtly or trayterouſly, or elles ſhewe hym ſelfe too reſiſte that whiche is ſpoken of before: We ſweare and promiſe by ſuche parte as we loke to haue in Paradys,

radys, to open thesame foorthe: with to the said lord the prince, or other to whome it shal apertaine, and too take and vse hym as an enemye, traylerous, and vnfaythfull person. For thus hath it ben accorded amongest vs of a free consente, not too be revoked.

Made, determined and publisshed at Orleans, the yeare of oure Lorde 1562. the. xi. of Aprill.

Thus signed. LOVIS OF BOVRBON wyth other Princes, knightes of thorder, Lordes, Captaines Gentlemen, & a greate number of others of all the Estates, and of all the Countrees of the Realme of Fraunce, as it appeareth by the Register signed by them, remaining with the said Lorde.

The Destruc-
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